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Applicant: Masafumi YAMANOUE et al. Conf.: 5008
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For: COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT APPARATUS (As Amended)

LETTER REGARDING TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 28, 2004

Sir:

On October 21, 2004, the Examiner informed us that if claims 11, 13, 14 and 23 were amended in appropriate places, the application would be allowed. The amendment to these claims is as follows:

Wherein the auxiliary information is a hash value of the electronic book header and contents encrypted with user identifier.

The Examiner also stated that she has received approval from her supervisor for the amendments and the amendments would be placed in the above noted claims at the appropriate places.

On October 26, 2004, the undersigned notified by Examiner by telephone that the amendment was approved and the Examiner stated she would make this change by Examiner's Amendment.

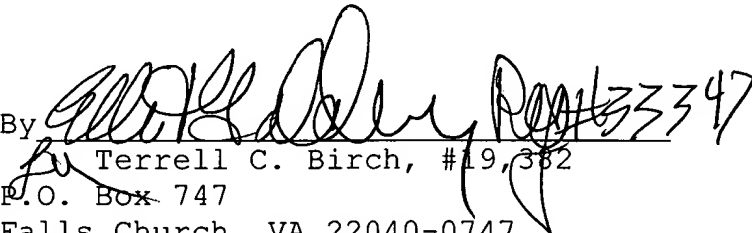
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347), at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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